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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON USG FACILITATION
ACTIVITIES TO MR. GOSTA ROOS, CHIEF, SPECIAL PROGRAMME
ON TRADE FACILITATION OF THE UN WHO IS CURRENTLY RESIDING
AT THE CENTURY PARK HOTEL IN MANILA. THIS STATEMENT WILL
BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASEAN TRADE FACILITATION CONFERENCE
WHICH BEGINS ON MAY 16. THE US STATEMENT WAS PREPARED BY
WILLIAM R. MYERS, ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FACILITATION,
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. A SUMMARY OF THIS STATEMENT
IS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE ON MAY 16 AND SHOULD
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BE DELIVERED TO MR. ROOS ASAP.

2. BEGIN STATEMENT: SUMMARY OF US FACILITATION ACTIVITIES
REQUESTED BY MR. GOSTA ROOS FOR ASEAN TRADE FACILITATION
CONFERENCE, CENTURY PARK HOTEL, MANILA, 16 MAY, 1978,
FOLLOWS:

A. OFFICE OF FACILITATION OF US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING AND DIRECTING FACILITATION ACTIVITIES OF US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. OFFICE SETS PRIORITIES, CARRIES OUT SPECIFIC PROJECTS, SUPPORTS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL ORGANIZA-

TIONS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, AND COORDINATES INTER-AGENCY ACTIONS ESTABLISHING US POSITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL FACILITATION CONFERENCE.

B. PRESENT OFFICE OF FACILITATION PROGRAM IS SELECTIVE, DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SOLUTIONS FOR WHAT IN ITS JUDGMENT ARE THE MOST PRESSING LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM FACILITATION NEEDS. OFFICE IS INFLUENCED TO LIMITED DEGREE BY POTENTIAL FOR IMMEDIATE BENEFITS IN SELECTING SHORT-TERM PROJECTS, BUT IT MAKES HEAVY COMMITMENTS TO LONG-TERM PROJECTS SUCH AS ELECTRONIC CARGO DATA INTERCHANGE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO IMMEDIACY OF BENEFITS.

C. MAJOR PROJECTS NOW SPONSORED AND SUPPORTED BY OFFICE ARE: (A) DOCUMENTATION SIMPLIFICATION AND ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE; (B) SYMBOL SIGNS; (C) TRAVELER SERVICE; (D) INTERNATIONAL MODAL COORDINATION; (E) TARIFF MODERNIZATION; (F) INTERMODAL COORDINATION AND (G) TRANSPORTATION FACILITATION EDUCATION.

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D. IT IS BELIEVED THAT FOUR OF THESE PROGRAMS MERIT SPECIAL ATTENTION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE VARIOUS FACILITATION INTERESTS REPRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE. THEY ARE: (A) DOCUMENTATION SIMPLIFICATION AND ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE; (B) INTERNATIONAL MODAL COORDINATION; (C) INTERMODAL COORDINATION; AND (D) TARIFF MODERNIZATION.

E. IN THE VIEW OF BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN THE US, ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE IS BY ALL ODDS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE PROGRAMS. THE REASONS ARE CLEAR. ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE OFFERS THE ONLY WORKABLE WAY KNOWN TO REDUCE THE PAPERWORK JUNGLE AND TO CUT THE INORDINATE COSTS, DELAYS AND BURDENS NOW IMPOSED BY THE MANUAL PROCESSING OF VOLUMINOUS TRADE AND TRANSPORT DOCUMENTS.

F. BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN THE US ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO PRODUCING AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE. WITH PUBLIC SUPPORT CHanneled THROUGH THE OFFICE OF FACILITATION, A LEADING PRIVATE TECHNICAL ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF SUCH A SYSTEM. THESE ARE THE STANDARDS THAT WILL PERMIT

THE SWIFT AND EFFICIENT ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OF SHIPPING, BILLING, TRACING AND EXPORT AND IMPORT DATA. THE STANDARDS COVER ALL VITAL AREAS, INCLUDING MESSAGE FORMATS, TRANSACTION SETS, DATA SEGMENTS, DATA ELEMENTS, AND THE CODES NEEDED FOR EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUNCTIONS MENTIONED ABOVE.

G. THESE STANDARDS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF EVERY MODE OF TRANSPORT AS WELL AS SOME INTER-MODAL TRANSACTIONS. THE STANDARDS ALREADY ARE IN USE, ON AN INTRAMODAL BASIS, AMONG IMPORTANT CARRIERS IN THE US RAILROAD INDUSTRY. IN OTHER SEGMENTS OF US INDUSTRY, PROGRAMMING IS ALREADY UNDER WAY TO PERMIT EXTENSIVE INTERCHANGE OF INTER-COMPANY SHIPPING, BILLING AND TRACING DATA BY NEXT AUTUMN.

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H. THIS WORK IS BEING CARRIED ON WITH CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (ECE). THE US RECOGNIZES THAT STANDARDS WORKED OUT BY THE ECE OR BY VARIOUS MEMBER COUNTRIES AND BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO) MAY DIFFER FROM THOSE DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES IN VARIOUS PARTICULARS AS DIFFERING NEEDS BRING DIFFERING RESPONSES. THE US, HOWEVER, IS COMMITTED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO MINIMIZE DIFFERENCES AND ASSURE AN EFFECTIVE INTERFACE AMONG THE VARIOUS SYSTEMS OF ELECTRONIC INTERCHANGE THAT MAY COME INTO BEING. OTHERWISE, OF COURSE, THE SUCCESSFUL USE OF ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TRANSPORT MIGHT WELL BE THWARTED.

I. WHEN SPEAKING OF INTERNATIONAL MODAL COORDINATION, THE US HAS, OF COURSE, ESPECIALLY IN MIND THE FACILITATION PROGRAMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) AND THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO). THE US STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. WITHIN THE US THE OFFICE OF FACILITATION WORKS HARD TO COORDINATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL US POSITIONS THAT WILL STRENGTHEN THESE PROGRAMS. TO THIS END IT SEEKS ESPECIALLY TO PROMOTE MEASURES THAT WILL BRING ABOUT A GREATER MEASURE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE FACILITATION ANNEXES SPONSORED BY ICAO AND IMCO BECAUSE THESE ANNEXES ARE IN PRACTICAL TERMS INTERNATIONALLY AGREED CODES OF SOUND FACILITATION PRACTICE IN CIVIL AVIATION AND OCEAN SHIPPING RESPECTIVELY.

J. INTERMODAL COORDINATION, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS UNCLASSIFIED

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LARGELY A DOMESTIC US PROBLEM. THIS PROGRAM ADDRESSES THE REGULATORY AND PROCEDURAL IMPEDIMENTS, OFTEN MINOR IN NATURE BUT INHIBITING IN EFFECT, THAT AFFECT THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO. THESE IMPEDIMENTS DELAY GOODS, INCREASE COSTS, AND FRUSTRATE THE EFFICIENT USE OF INTERMODAL TRANSPORT. THE US HAS FORMED A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, MADE UP OF THE TRANSPORTATION REGULATORY AGENCIES TOGETHER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO WORK EXCLUSIVELY ON

THESE PROBLEMS, TO CULL OUT NEEDLESS AND BURDENSOME RULES AND PROCEDURES, AND TO SMOOTH THE WAY FOR A MORE RAPID FLOW OF CARGO.

K. WHILE THIS COMMITTEE'S ORIENTATION IS DOMESTIC, ITS WORK HAS OBVIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE. GIVEN THE VOLUME OF US EXPORT TRADE, MANY AN INTERNATIONAL CARGO MOVEMENT BEGINS WITH CARRIAGE OVER A SEGMENT OF THE US DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

L. FINALLY, THE TARIFF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IS OF GROWING IMPORTANCE AS AN OFFSHOOT OF THE MOVE TOWARD ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE. AS GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS OFFICES DEVELOPED MORE AND MORE SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER CAPABILITY, THE TRADITIONAL FREIGHT TARIFF LIBRARY, WITH ITS PONDEROUS METHODS OF MANUAL DATA RETRIEVAL, WAS FAST BECOMING AN ANACHRONISM. CLEARLY, IT NO LONGER MET THE NEEDS OF SHIPPERS AND CARRIERS. WITH THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT CLEARLY EVIDENT, THE OFFICE OF FACILITATION SPONSORED A STUDY OF THE STATE OF THE ART. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THIS RESEARCH SHOWED CONCLUSIVELY THAT PRESENT TARIFF LIBRARIES ARE FAR FROM ADEQUATE TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF SHIPPERS WISHING TO EXPAND THEIR TARIFF DATA. ACCORDINGLY, THE OFFICE IS EXPANDING ITS RESEARCH IN THE DIRECTION OF DETERMINING WHAT THE BEST SOLUTIONS MAY BE. VANCE

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